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From the Office of Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves

Provisional Accelerated Learning Center Expansions

The Provisional Accelerated Learning Center (PAL) is located at 2450 Blake Street in Muscoy. The PAL Center provides a host of educational programs and opportunities for the community of Muscoy. Dr. Mildred Henry directs the outreach efforts to low and moderate income youth and adults. During the last academic year the PAL Center had over 350 enrolled in the high school diploma and GED programs.

It has been my privilege to support Dr. Henry's efforts over the years. The PAL Center offers outstanding programs that give local youth a second chance at getting a badly needed education and high school diploma.

Work is complete on the latest expansion of the Provisional Accelerated Learning Center. A total of \$147,000 in Fifth District Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) funding was allocated to this expansion. Two dismantled modular buildings, one 48 feet by 60 feet and one 60 feet by 60 feet, were relocated to the PAL Center.

The CDBG funding was used to transport the modular units to the site, set them down, connect and skirt them. Electricity at the site was upgraded to

be fully utilized. The 48 foot by 60 foot building was rehabilitated to provide for additional classroom space. The buildings required extensive work to reconnect the electricity and to rebuild the walls and ceilings at the seams. The buildings were fenced in and the 48 foot by 60 foot building was connected to the front campus by accessible sidewalks.

A previous expansion project received CDBG funding in the amount of \$115,000. The PAL Center was able to purchase nine single-width modular units to meet the critical need for immediate classroom space.

Project for Muscoy Youth

Next door to the PAL Center, the Blake Little League ballfield will be receiving a much needed, major renovation. I have allocated \$76,320 in CDBG funding to upgrade the field, enabling it to be used for little league ballgames. The lighting will be increased, the outfield fencing and backstop replaced, dugouts and restrooms rehabilitated. In addition, the field will receive a new sprinkler system, hydroseed and ballfield clay.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Provisional Accelerated Learning Center Graduation June 25, 2001 at 6 p.m.
California State University, San Bernardino
Call the PAL Center at 887-7002 for more details.

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